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REMARKS

This reply is in response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2005. Claims 1-74 are pending in the application. Claims 50-57 and 71-73 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Claims 1-49 and 58-70 stand rejected. Applicant notes claim 74 is not mentioned in the Office Action, and believes the Examiner intended to withdraw claim 74 from consideration for being drawn to a non-elected group. Applicant respectfully requests clarification. Entry of the foregoing amendment and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-49 and 58-70 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Mehta et al. (US 6,583,227) hereafter "Mehta." The Examiner states that Mehta "discloses a crystalline propylene polymer composition wherein the polymer is prepared from two different metallocene catalysts."

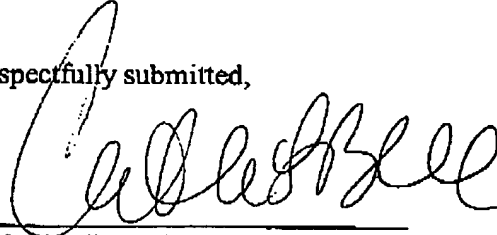
Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection on grounds that Mehta does not teach, show, or suggest the claimed invention. Mehta discloses crystalline propylene polymers having both propylene homopolymer and propylene copolymer. The resulting copolymer has a broad, bimodal molecular weight distribution. See Mehta at Abstract; col. 2, ll. 17-23; col. 2, ll. 60+; and col. 23, ll. 34-41. At the very least, Mehta does not teach, show, or suggest a branched crystalline polypropylene polymer prepared using two or more different metallocene catalyst compounds and having a unimodal molecular weight distribution, as recited in every claim. Mehta also does not teach, show, or suggest a branched crystalline polypropylene homopolymer prepared using two or more different metallocene catalyst compounds and having a unimodal molecular weight distribution, as recited in base claims 1 and 49, as well as those dependent therefrom. For at least these reasons, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant also respectfully submits that withdrawn claims 50-57 and 71-74 each include all the limitations of generic base claim 1, which is in condition for allowance; therefore, claims 50-57 and 71-74 are also in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 1-74 is respectfully requested.

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Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any issues outstanding which have not been addressed to the Examiner's satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,



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